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## MAYOR OF BAYONNE ARRESTED FOR GIGANTIC BOND SWINDLE

SCANDAL IN  
FRANCEDALIMIER  
REMAINS IN  
CABINETRESIGNATION NOT  
DEMANDED.GARAT ACCUSED OF THEFT  
AND FRAUD

Paris, To-day.

A sensation has been caused by the arrest, last night, of M. Garat, a Radical-Socialist member of the French Chamber of Deputies, and Mayor of Bayonne, in connection with the issue of fraudulent bonds on behalf of the Bayonne Municipal pawnbroking establishment.

The report that M. Camille Chautemps, the French Premier, demanded the resignation of M. Daladier, Minister for the Colonies, as an alternative to the resignation of the whole Cabinet, following the revelation, has been denied at the office of the Premier.

M. Garat is now confined in the Municipal prison and is charged with theft, forgery and fraudulent appropriation of public documents and funds, swindling or complicity therein, abuse of confidence and receiving stolen goods.

To the charges, M. Garat replied, "I am the victim of a crook, like many others."

Over £6,000,000 is believed to be involved in the bond issue, which is considered to be the gravest political and financial scandal in France since the Panama affair, more than 50 years ago. Many small investors have been ruined. — Reuter.

STAVISKY SEEN AT  
CHAMONIX.

## Russian Swindler.

Paris, Later.

The principal figure behind the amazing swindle is alleged to be a Russian named Stavisky, who disappeared when the scandal leaked out, last week. He is reported to have been seen at Chamomix.

Stavisky, with great audacity, secured letters from the Minister for Colonies, M. Daladier, warmly recommending the faked bonds as a good investment. M. Daladier stated, last Thursday, that he had never met the Russian swindler, but had written the letters at the request of M. Durand, Minister of Commerce.

Stavisky is also stated to have gained the confidence of M. Dubarry, the Chief Editor of the newspaper, "Volonte," who is said to have repeatedly intervened with M. Daladier on behalf of the



M. Camille Chautemps, the French Premier.

INDO-JAPANESE  
AGREEMENT"Novel" Commercial  
Pact.RAYON PIECE-GOODS SHOULD  
BE INCLUDED

London, To-day.

The Indo-Japanese cotton trade agreement is quite novel in commercial diplomacy, and will doubtless be adopted as a kind of standard for further negotiations by Japan with Great Britain, the United States and other countries, declares the *Financial Times*. It is greatly to the credit of the delegations headed by Sir Joseph William Bhore, and Mr. Sawada, that the result was achieved, it states.

In one respect it is frankly disappointing the newspaper adds, by not including rayon piece-goods, which means that the Japanese share of the Indian market will be increased at least by one-quarter. Also, the Japanese manufacturers may be able to divert the trade and drive out Lancashire goods by their own rayon mixtures.

The British request for the inclusion of rayon in the Anglo-Japanese negotiations becomes more reasonable, and its adoption is an essential condition to the opening of formal negotiations, the newspaper asserts. — Reuter.

BRITISH LIQUOR  
FOR U.S.Deadlock Over Import  
Quota.OFFER OF BUTTER AND  
PORK REJECTED

London.

It is reported that a deadlock exists in the negotiations between Great Britain and the United States for an increase in the import quota of British liquor into America.

It is suggested that Britain should lower her high tariffs and allow the importation of increased quantities of American butter and pork in exchange for a larger liquor quota.

A proposal that arrangements should be made for America's surplus butter, totalling 57,000 tons, to be imported into Great Britain has been scotched by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Walter Elliot.

He believes that if such a large amount of American butter is allowed to invade the British market, it will knock the bottom out of his plans for developing the British dairy industry. — Reuter.

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SILVER ADVOCATES  
CO-OPERATESEEK MAJORITY FOR ONE  
OF SILVER BILLSU.S. ADMINISTRATION TO CLARIFY  
MONETARY POLICY

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

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WASHINGTON, To-day.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IS PLANNING TO CLARIFY ITS MONETARY POLICY SHORTLY TO ASSURE BUSINESS MEN THAT THE MARCH TOWARDS PROSPERITY MUST BE ORDERLY, AVOIDING DANGEROUS SPECULATION.

Both inflationists and conservatives are more freely emphasizing the necessity for strict control to avoid unwarranted booms and inflated values.

The House of Representatives silver advocates are seeking to obtain a majority on some silver Bill, due to the belief that President Roosevelt is likely to approve legislation if a majority can agree to some measure.

The Senate silver advocates, including Senator Borah, urge that monetization is especially essential at present due to the huge national debt shown in the Budget.

Mr. Steagall states that he intends to introduce a remonetization Bill into the House of Representatives providing for the purchase of U.S.\$1,000,000,000 worth of silver. The plan involves the Treasury purchase of the entire domestic output, and the monetary issuance of silver certificates against it. — United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

BUSINESS TREND  
IS FAVOURABLE.Gold Price Rises Higher  
Than Commodities.SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL  
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received January 8, 8.58 a.m.)

New York, To-day.

The Bankers' Association Journal states that the indices reflecting the trend of business in the United States early in 1934 are favourable. But the Journal asserts that the revival of heavy industry can be sustained only through the release of capital by the issuance of new securities.

It is pointed out that the gold price of the dollar in London has been raised by over one half, but the domestic commodities have risen only by about one-third. — United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

TREASURY OFFICIAL  
RESIGNS.SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL  
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received January 7, 7.44 p.m.)

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. Baile has resigned from the United States Treasury.

His action is not connected with policies, but is due to the Congressional criticism regarding his connection with the Pernyian Company's Pernyian bond issues. — United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

Federal Reserve And  
Bond Issue.SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL  
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received January 8, 8.58 a.m.)

New York, To-day.

Experts assert that the Federal Reserve member banks can easily absorb all the bonds the Government intends issuing during the next half-year and still retain \$200,000,000 excess reserves, especially since only \$8,000,000,000 is required. — United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

1,800,000 JOBLESS  
FIND WORK.Effects Of Recovery  
Campaign.HIGHER WAGE; SHORTER  
HOURS.

Washington, To-day.

A total of 1,800,000 unemployed have found work in the United States since the recovery began, according to the report of the American Federation of Labour.

The report adds that an additional 4,600,000 are temporarily employed by civil works, public works and afforestation.

The working week has been shortened by an average of 4.5 hours, and wages increased by 5.5 cents per hour.

The Federation reports that the business outlook is brighter than a year ago, but warns the Administration against inflation. — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR  
UNCHANGED.

Silver Prices Steady.

The dollar is unchanged, opening to-day at 1/51.

Silver prices of both spot and forward remained without change on Saturday, closing at 19½ and 19 3/16 respectively.

The cross rate, London on New York, is £-G\$5.11 and New York on London is £-G\$5.11%.

CHINESE MINISTER  
TO GERMANY.Mr. Liu Welcomed To  
Berlin.

Berlin, To-day.

The new Chinese Minister to Germany, Mr. Liu Chung-Chih, arrived here yesterday, and was greeted at the station by a representative of the German Foreign Office, the staff of the Chinese legation and numerous Chinese residents. — Reuter.

The defendant stated that he was asked by a friend to take the place of Mr. Lai Wah, who was to be another

FAMOUS FRENCH  
GENERALGeneral Dubail  
Passes.STOPPED FIRST ORSLAUGHT  
ON PARIS

Paris, To-day.

General Dubail, one of the French leaders during the Great War, died here yesterday at the age of 82.

He was mainly responsible for checking the first German onslaught towards Paris, as he ordered his troops to attack every morning in spite of higher orders advising retreat behind the Moselle.

He later accepted in semi-disgrace the command of the Paris Defence Army. — Reuter.

WINDJAMMER'S  
RECORDHamburg To Australia  
In 66 Days.

Adelaide, To-day.

The record trip for a windjammer from Hamburg to Australia, which stood for 15 years, was broken yesterday when the Parpadua put in at Wallaroo after a journey of 66 days.

The previous record was held by the French boat "Cirillon." — Reuter.

No vessel of the name of "Parpadua" is listed in Lloyd's register of sailing ships. A barque, named "Padua," registered at Hamburg is, however, listed.

The "Padua" is a steel four-masted barque of 3,064 tons, and was constructed in 1926 by Messrs. J. C. Tecklenborg, at Wesermünde, for Reed & Lewis.

SIR R. HO TUNG  
ROBBED.Lead Wire Stolen From  
Residence.

HAWKER FINED \$50.

A fine of \$50, in default one month's hard labour, was imposed by Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning on Lai Wah, unlicensed hawker, for receiving a quantity of lead wiring from 3 Seymour Road, the residence of Sir Robert Ho Tung.

The defendant stated that he was asked by a friend to take the place of Mr. Lai Wah, who was to be another

U.S. SENATE ANTICIPATES WAR  
DEBT DIFFERENCESVeterans' Compensation May Abe  
Prove Source Of TroubleSTOPPED FIRST ORSLAUGHT  
ON PARIS

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Washington, To-day.

A minor Senate rebellion is expected if President Roosevelt persists in forcing the St. Lawrence Waterway Treaty through in the near future.

Some trouble is also anticipated over war debts and war veterans' compensation. — United Press S. C. Gold Bar Co.

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# The WOMAN'S Page

## Balancing The Mode

Mistakes That Women Make.

### HATS AT WRONG ANGLES

We hear so much about the importance of line, study of harmony, and proportions, but only at a modern representative dress show do we see demonstrated that perfection of line. I often feel that every girl in her early youth should be taught to understand the first rudiments in art and dress, which include balance and harmony.

The purchase of the ready-to-wear models for the average woman is by far the safest way to shop, though even the very best creations can be put on all wrong and ruined by other unsympathetic details.

#### Cornets And Lingerie.

Take hats and the various necessary undergarments. Englishwomen are still woefully ignorant of the foundation in tailoring matters. The corset is the foundation of all that is lithesome, natural and comfortable. Lingerie should be fitted to follow a similar line. All this must be studied before the dress itself has chance.

Then individual points should be considered; as, for instance, if the model has wide or sloping shoulders, whether the sleeves over-balance the hips, and so on.

Fashion aims at perfect balance. Sometimes large sleeves and squarer shoulders are chosen to create a more slender silhouette below, or to balance the hem-frill of a longer skirt.

The woman of abnormal proportions has, of course, to contend with greater difficulties, but there are plenty of designers ready to help her.

To return to the every-day, active, young and middle-aged Englishwoman. Why, when they have secured a suitable dress, suit or "three-piece," do they proceed to upset all the laws of balance by their choice of hat? Generally either a floppy brim is chosen to hide all that is good in line, or a toque too small for the face and too narrow for their shoulders and hips. This is a very prevalent error against the law of balance.

#### The Wrong Angle.

The modern hat is not easy. A real model may be lovely in itself and, possibly, so superior in colour and texture that it looks rich and becoming and is pliable enough to pull about and so widen or narrow as desired. No good hat is ever cheap, though dresses often are most reasonable. That is why I always advise women to choose the ideal hat before all things.

Many of the most attractive modern hats look ridiculous off the head and often still more foolish when worn at the wrong angle. The study of "pose" should be made together with that of the laws of proportion. Even the most beautiful examples in millinery must depend on the intelligence of their wearers.

The up-to-date buyer well understands these problems. In London and Paris show-rooms one so often overhears the note of admiration on beholding a millinery triumph, qualified by, "My customers will shy at it for at least three months; then they will put it on all wrong."

So they revert to the wearable cloche or a beret variety, which can be more easily adjusted to suit the face of any and every client.



### TRAINS RETURN FOR EVENING

### Full And Semi-Evening Styles In Paris.

The difference between semi-evening and grand evening gowns is that most of the new models in the latter group show fairly long trains. Ground lengths with slimmer widths continue on their even course, but graceful trains dominate and convey a mid-season influence on the semi-evening gowns launched during the early collections.

Semi-evening styles steam ahead, with interesting and elegant models composed of skirts, jackets, and blouses. Bugheera velvet is a favourite material for these long, straight skirts, that look exceedingly slim beneath jackets smartly cut and handsomely trimmed with fur de luxe like silver fox or sable.

### PROTECTIVE BAGS FOR DRESSES.

#### Easily Home-Made.

When you are putting suits or dresses away for some time, it is much better to hang them up than to hold them away in a box or drawer. If you arrange them carefully, two or more will go on the same hanger inside a covering bag, but make sure that the shoulder part of each garment lies perfectly flat under the one above.

An old nightie can easily be made into a covering bag. Cut off its collar and sleeves and make a hem right round the top of the garment. Run a tape through this to draw up tight and tie over the hanger, which you will eventually place inside. The scars the hem of the nightie together to form the bag.

Padded hangers are now obtainable specially made to take long dresses, with a bar across which the skirt may be hung. Another novelty is the coat hanger designed to take high fur collars.

## Needlework Revival

### Old-Time Wools And Vegetable Dyes.

#### ENTHUSIASTS TO HOLD EXHIBITION

A small band of enthusiastic needle-women have set themselves a great task this winter. They have decided to hold an exhibition, unconnected with charity, during February and March, 1934, of modern English needlework. This exhibition is being held in the hope of discovering and encouraging an art that will combine with modern ideas in house decoration and furniture.

One of the most enthusiastic members of the small committee already at work is Lady Violet Crawley, herself a beautiful needlewoman, who believes that lasting work can only be achieved by modern needlewomen who use reproductions of the old wools.

She herself has in her own Georgian house near Regent's Park furnished her drawing-room with chairs worked in wools dating from 1713.

#### New Style In Pictures.

The exquisite glowing colours from vegetable dyes of these wools are reproduced for Lady Violet by a woman in Upper Grosvenor-street.

In order to find the perfect harmony between modern decoration and modern needlework—Lady Violet stresses the fact that the word tapestry is incorrect when the work is not woven on a loom—she is asking modern artists to send in pictures and needlework designs to the exhibition suitable for 1934 interiors.

Needlewomen from all over the country are invited to contribute to the exhibition, but their work must not be on any garment.

### SHAMPOOS AND RINSES

#### Value Of Fruit Juice.

If you are the fortunate possessor of blonde hair, don't resort to frequent "baths" of peroxide in an effort to retain that blondeness.

In time you will discover, to your dismay, that the hair has taken on a reddish tint which has none of the charms of auburn and gives the facial complexion an unnatural tinge.

Use instead a powder or liquid shampoo prepared specially for blonde hair-weekly or bi-weekly, and once in six weeks use that particular shampoo which has the effect of a blue rinse and leaves the hair entrancingly fair.

For the dark hair pine tar is the kindest, or the herbal shampoo, which leaves a surprising lustre in its wake.

And whether you use colour rinses or those little sachets of henna and camomile, treat your hair to a final rinse with fruit juice to give it a silken touch.

The juice of half a lemon in a pint of water, or better still, the juice of half a grapefruit, will give you a luxuriantly "free" hair-feeling when it is dried and set.

## Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

### TIFFIN

Olives, Devilled Almonds  
Welsh Rarebit Shrimp Flakes  
Pheasant Cream Soup  
Steamed Mandarin Fish  
Piquant Sauce  
Veal Cutlets la Maintenon  
Mushroom Sauce  
Creamed Cauliflower  
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing  
Boiled Ham  
Fried Cocktail Sausages  
Cranberry Jelly  
Roast Potatoes  
Celery a la Creme  
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce  
Mince Pies  
Pineapple Cream

### DINNER

Consomme a la Royale  
Filets fo Sole a l'Horly  
Roast Crown of Pork  
Apple Sauce  
Potato Croquettes, Green Peas  
Cold Turkey and Ham  
Mixed Salad

### Raspberry Bavaroise

$\frac{1}{2}$  pint custard,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint tinned raspberry puree, 1 oz. of gelatine,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint cream, a few pistachio nuts,  $\frac{1}{2}$  gill water, cochineal, sugar

Make the custard and sweeten it to taste. Melt the gelatine in the water and strain it into the custard. The raspberry puree which is made by rubbing the contents of a tin of stewed raspberries through a sieve and using the pulp only. Stir this into the custard and when cold whip the cream and add. Colour with cochineal and put the mixture into a large glass dish and allow it to set. When cold, decorate with some whole raspberries and sliced pistachio nuts.

drain the fillets. Coat them with flour. Dip them in the frying batter and fry in a deep pan of hot fat. Dip the fillets on soft white paper, arrange on a paper d'oyley on a hot dish, garnish with fried parsley and hand round tomato sauce.

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#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

1-A stupid mistake

2-Observed

3-And others

(Lat., abbr.)

10-Places of bad-linen

11-Carried (Colloq.)

12-Ocean

14-Mature

16-Pleasure

18-Boys

20-Etruscan god

21-Combining form.

Air

22-Memoranda

24-A land measure (pl.)

25-Eager

26-Pertaining to punishment

28-A grass-like herb

32-At any time

33-Half a score

36-Darling

7-Darken

8-Fine, as a line

10-Rest

12-Venture

13-Slid

15-Artist

17-Large advertising signs

19-To paint in a cheap fashion

21-Performed

23-Salt (Lat.)

24-Farm animal

27-Wrong

28-Kingdom in India

30-Appoints

31-An opening in an enclosure

32-Earth (Fr.)

34-Observe

35-Jump

38-Selina

41-Combining form.

Middle

43-An article of furniture

44-Isolate

45-Tear

46-Post

48-Endure

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**THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.**

THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden at 8 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 12th January, 1934.

Tickets may now be obtained from the Reception Offices of the Hong Kong or Peninsula Hotels.

G. E. S. UPSDELL,

Honorary Secretary.

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Applications, which should be in writing and contain full particulars relating to the intended performance, should be forwarded to the Society at the above address.

Dated the First day of January, 1934.

**SPORT NOTICES.**

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1934  
(24th, 26th, 27th, 28th February and 3rd March)

RAFT PROGRAMMES are now ready and may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Gloucester Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables.

Entries will close at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, 20th January, 1934.

Members are reminded that no horse is eligible to enter for any race meeting of this Club until an Official Racing Certificate shall have been obtained in respect of the horse.

All Members intending to enter Griffins at the Annual Meeting are requested to apply for Official Racing Certificates in respect of such Griffins without delay. Also, Members who have not yet registered racing names or colours will oblige by doing so at their earliest convenience.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary

Hong Kong, 2nd January, 1934.

**BRIDGE NOTES****CONTRACT BRIDGE BY ANCHORITE**

XXX

(This series of articles is based on Culbertson's system of bidding).

(Continued)

**CONTRACT QUERIES**

Dear Anchorite,

With reference to your second "Dummy" Bridge Competition, it would be interesting to know by what process of reasoning you arrive at so accurate an estimate of North's hand. On the bidding, North's single raise and subsequent silence indicates nothing more than strength in Clubs headed by the Ace and a certain trick in Hearts. South's bid of one Club is not a good bid and his jump to four shows that he possesses an optimistic temperament which must make him at times a source of anxiety to his partners and of income to his opponents.

NEOPHYTE.

"Anchorite" says:—

Here is the dummy problem in question with all four hands exposed:

North:—

S—Q J 2

H—K 7 2

D—J 10

C—A 6 5 4

West:—

S—9 6 5

H—A 10 8 4 3

D—A 8 6 4 2

C—

East:—

S—K 8 4 3

H—Q J

D—K 8 7

C—9 8 3

South:—

S—A 10

H—9 6 5

D—Q 5 3

C—K Q 10 7 2

The bidding:—

South West North East

1 C 1 H 2 C No bid

3 C 3 D No bid No bid

4 C No bid No bid No bid

1 A sound opening bid.

2 With two honour tricks in hand and two biddable suits of equal length, bid higher ranking suit.

3 North's raise over the heart bid, not only indicates trump support and a trick in hearts, but also better than a minimum hand. If holding a minimum hand only a pass would have been the proper bid, as he does not need to keep the bidding open.

4 East passes as he neither holds adequate trump support in hearts, nor any other biddable suit.

5 A sound re-bid.

6 Showing the other biddable suit.

7 Holding no additional values, therefore the pass.

8 A pass is in this case a preference for diamonds, as East must give preference when two suits are bid.

9 South must now reason as follows: that West holds heart and diamond suits of equal rank and length and not very strong in honours—probably no clubs and three spades. The deduction of three spades only must be made from North's and East's bidding: East can only hold four to the King—if five to the King would certainly have shown this suit over the two club call. Equally does East not hold Q x x in hearts (probably only Q x) otherwise would have supported hearts.

The support by East in diamonds shows K x x most likely; also the hand must hold four clubs. The raise by North over West's heart call indicates about two honour tricks, plus support in trump. By applying plastic valuation, South now finds that his four club bid hinges on a finesse, which he naturally calls and makes.

"Neophyte" will no doubt find that a close study of the Culbertson 1933-34 System will materially assist him in understanding differences made by the various bids and correctly placing his cards.

It may also interest "Neophyte" to know that above hand was bid and played in one of the leading New York Clubs. Also, in order to show that the serious Shanghai bridge player is not far behind in modern scientific bidding methods, over 25 per cent of the participants

**Stellar Romance****CINEMA NOTES****MAIL REVIEW****"PENTHOUSE"—QUEEN'S THEATRE.**

"Penthouse," the M-G-M production now showing at the Queen's Theatre, presents a modern picture of New York's "high spot"—Mad Manhattan.

Filmed almost entirely in settings that show the lavish penthouse world on top of New York's skyscrapers, the picture captures the pulse of the roof-top life of this great metropolis.

Warner Baxter, as a lawyer who has been cast out by a society, has the leading role, with Myrna Loy, seen as a night-club girl. Other notable players are Mae Clark, C. Henry Gordon, Charles Butterworth, Phillip Holmes and Martha Sleeper.

Written by Arthur Somer Roche, the picture was directed by W. S. Van Dyke.

**MAIL REVIEW****"ONE MAN'S JOURNEY"—KING'S THEATRE.**

A great character, enacted by one of the greatest of actors, Lionel Barrymore, is the chief attraction of "One Man's Journey," the RKO-Radio picture which is now showing at the King's Theatre.

The supporting cast includes May Robson, Dorothy Jordan, Joel McCrae and Frances Dee.

Barrymore is seen as a simple country physician who is a great human benefactor, but nevertheless considers himself a failure. The story centres chiefly about the doctor's activities, yet it is rich in romance, with Miss Jordan and James Bush as the central figures of one absorbing love affair and McCrae and Miss Dee of another.

Even Barrymore enjoys a "December romance," with the veteran actress, May Robson, who is seen as his housekeeper.

RENTS "ON THE RUN"

**LEE THEATRE**

# Sporting Page

## SOUTH CHINA FULL VALUE FOR SOCCER WIN OVER LINCOLNS



### BRILLIANT LATE GOAL BY TAM DECIDES CLASSIC

#### DEACON SAVES LEADERS FROM BIGGER DEFEAT

#### TWO CERTAIN INTERPORTERS

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

FUNG KING CHEONG was too closely marked by Cork to be dangerous in the goal-mouth, but his passes to the wingers were superb.

#### BORDERERS CHALLENGE FOR TITLE

Athletic Well Beaten At Sookunpoo

ALL THREE GOALS SCORED IN FIRST 15 MINUTES

(BY SPOT KICK)

The Borderers are still a force to be reckoned with in the premier soccer league. They are now seven points behind the league leaders, with four games in hand.

Yesterday they beat the Athletic by 2 goals to 1 at Sookunpoo.

All three of the goals were scored in the first quarter of an hour, the Borderers obtaining the first two during the opening minutes, and the Athletic replying some five minutes later. Once the respective defences had settled down, however, they proved dominant, although the Borderers forwards should have scored on several occasions. The Athletic were not so dangerous as their opponents, and the goal they scored could have been averted had the Borderers defence tackled instead of appealing for offside, thus allowing Ho Chor Yin to shoot.

Morrison and Mullan were an efficient pair of backs, and in consequence Smith had very little to do in goal. The halves were also good, Podmore as usual being here, there, and everywhere. Fortey, and both wingers, Matthias and Duncan, were good, but the inside forwards were poor. Apart from missing scoring chances, they were unable to combine effectively with their colleagues.

For the Athletic, Li Kwok-ki was an able custodian, and was directly responsible for the low score. Many really good efforts by the Borderers forwards were cleared by him with confidence and ease. The backs were fairly safe, but were liable to falter under heavy pressure, while the halves, with the exception of Ip, were excellent in tackling, but their passes went astray too often. The forwards, as usual, excelled in their approach work, but finished poorly. It must, however, be borne in mind that they were up against a very strong defence.

The game opened in lively style, and was only a few minutes old when Fortey ran through to centre squarely to Matthias, who headed past Li. After a few minutes of midfield play Podmore sent Duncan away and the winger cut in nicely before sending in a hot drive which struck the foot of the upright and rebounded into the net.

#### Good Spoiling Work

Their spoiling in the second half

takes by both sides.

Borderers: —Smith; Mullan and Morrison; Wallace, Podmore & Jones; Matthias, Harris, Fortey, Hazelden and Duncan.

Athletic: —Li Kwok-ki; Mak Sui-hon and Lo Hon-chong; Young Shue-chung, Ip Pang-tai and Chan Sui-sun; Tang Kwang-sum, Ho Chor-yin, Ping-ming, Au Kim-fung and Cheung Mun-wing.

#### League Table to Date

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincolns	13	10	1	2	30	12	21
St. Joseph's	11	8	2	1	19	15	16
Navy	11	8	2	1	18	17	15
South China	11	8	2	2	21	11	17
Borderers	8	7	0	2	18	12	14
Athletic	12	5	0	2	20	20	10
Club	12	4	0	2	27	24	9
Kowloon	11	3	1	7	17	27	7
Police	12	3	1	8	17	22	7
East Lancs	5	2	1	4	10	19	5
Artillery	10	2	0	7	10	28	5
Recreio	11	0	0	11	9	51	0

The above table does not include the result of the Recreio v. Artillery match which is to be replayed.

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#### SPECIAL ARTICLES IN TO-MORROW'S EDITIONS

Local Cricket And Hockey

THE following special sports features will appear in the *China Mail* to-morrow:  
Cricket Notes ..... By Athole  
Hockey Note ..... By Sticks  
Home Soccer Forecast By Ranger

#### WARD UNABLE TO GO NORTH

Stands Down From To-day's Trial.

#### B. GOSANO AND LEONARD INJURED

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

A. Ward, of the St Joseph's Football Club, has notified the Interport Selection Committee of his inability to make the Interport trip to Shanghai next month should he be selected, and has asked to be dropped from the Interport trial this afternoon.

B. Gosano and David Leonard of the Saints are also unable to play this afternoon as the former is suffering from an ankle injury sustained on Saturday against the Recreio and the latter from a strained thigh muscle.

#### INTERPORT TRIAL TO-DAY.

#### Howe's Debut And New Partnerships.

THE second Interport soccer trial will take place this afternoon on the Club ground commencing at 4.30 p.m., several changes in partnerships being noticeable, particularly the Ridley-Hoquard one in "B" team. Strange and Bickford will also be on view, while Howe makes his first appearance.

The following are the teams:—(A):—McIlroy (Police); S. Strange (Club) and Morrison (Borderers); Skinner (Club), Podmore (Borderers) and Shepherd (Police); B. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Ward (St. Joseph's), Howe (Club), E. Strange (Club) and Bickford (Club).

(B):—Cord (Kowloon), Allan (Royal Artillery) and C. S. File (Police-Royal Artillery) and Jones (Borderers); Matthias (Borderers), Harris (Borderers), Leonard (St. Joseph's), Ridley (Lincolns) and Lt. J. H. Hoquard (Lincolns).—Reuter.

#### Navy Carry Off Rugby Triangular Trophy

THE Navy won the Triangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday for the first time since the 1931-32 season when they defeated the Club by a goal, a dropped goal and two tries (15 points) to nil at Happy Valley.

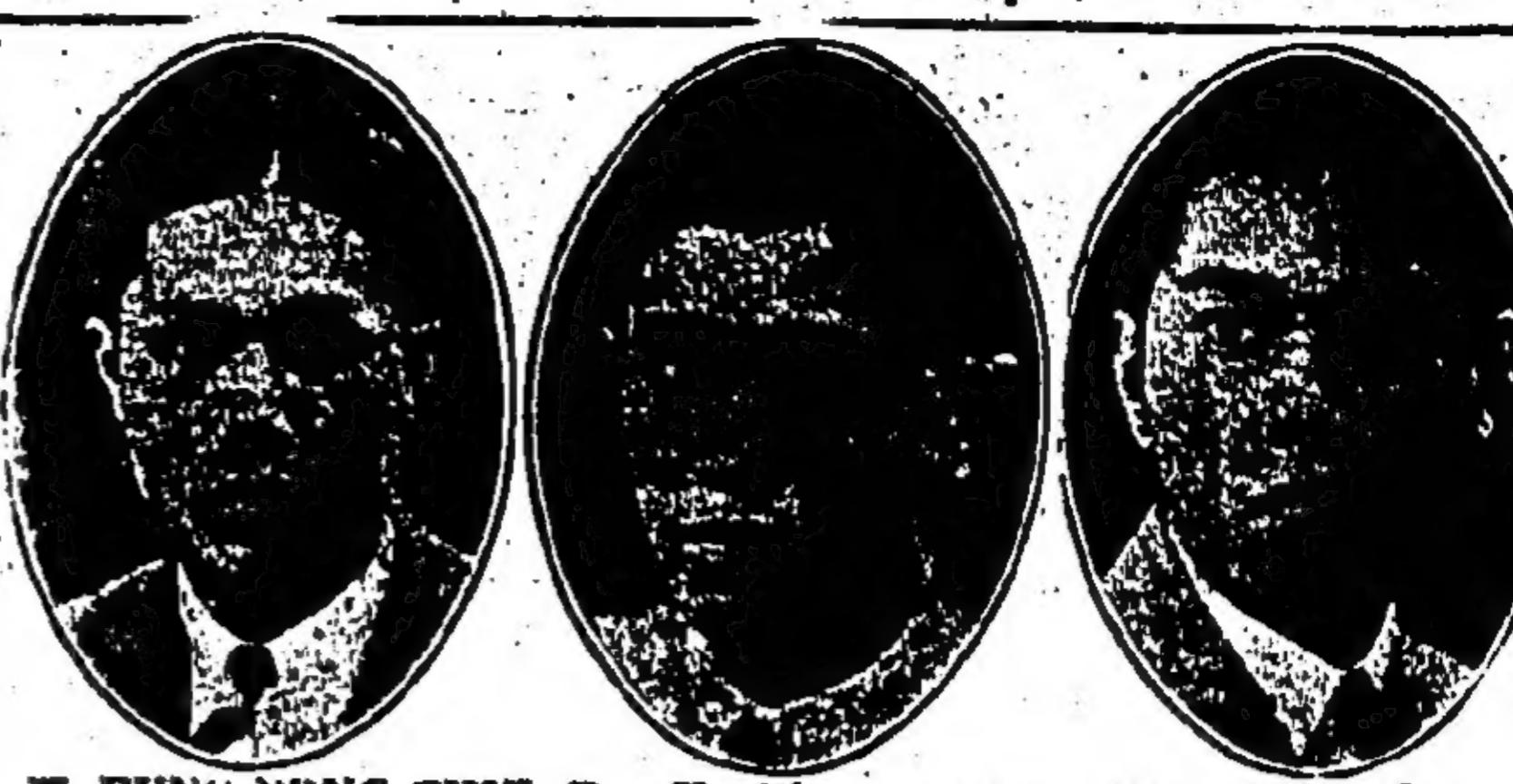
Whitham the Club back played a brilliant game and smothered countless Navy movements, his deadly tackling resulting in several of the Navy backs receiving severe jars.

Buckley, the Navy back, was very poor in the first half, his touch kicking being extremely weak. In the second half, however, he recovered true form and kicked a good length and displayed a safe pair of hands.

Among the outstanding features of the game was the poor display of Griffiths, the Club centre three-quarter. He was caught with the ball nine times out of ten owing to his grim determination to hang on to the ball until he lost it. His passing was wild, and he gave Lammer very little support.

Cork was the best of the Lincoln halves and played a very fine game, his passes to his right and left-wingers leaving nothing to be desired.

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LEUNG WING CHIU, Pau Ka Ping, and Tam Kong Pak, who were largely responsible for South China's triumph over the Lincolns at Caroline Hill yesterday.

#### REMEDIOS BEATEN

#### D. C. WILSON WINS KOWLOON GOLF TITLE

Meritorious Win By 3 and 1

LOSER TAKES 4 HOLES IN ROW TO SQUARE MATCH AT THE 17TH

D. C. WILSON WON THE KOWLOON GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP YESTERDAY WHEN HE BEAT F. E. A. REMEDIOS, SIX TIMES CHAMPION, BY 3 AND 1 IN THE FINAL OVER 36 HOLES.

Twice runner-up in the series Wilson was 4 up at the end of the first nine, one up at the end of the morning round, and 3 up at the 27th. He was always in the lead after the 5th during a thrilling struggle determined by the new champion's accuracy on the greens.

Remedios lost holes by pulling a number of his tee shots and was surprisingly unsteady on the greens where the holing of five and six-foot putts by his opponent cost him the game.

Following a half at the first hole, Remedios became one up at the 2nd where Wilson's tee shot found the stream, costing two strokes to get out. The match was all square at the 4th, Wilson securing a three to his opponent's four. Wilson then secured the lead at the 6th after the 5th during a thrilling struggle determined by the new champion's accuracy on the greens.

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Weak putting on the 30th cost Wilson the hole, and his commanding lead was further reduced at the next hole where he stood 2 up and 5 to play. A half, followed by a 3 at the short hole placed him dormie 3.

In a last desperate effort Remedios played strongly to win the 34th, but a weak mashie-niblick shot on to the 35th green allowed Wilson to win the hole and match by 3 and 1.

Wilson reached the final on two former occasions only to be beaten by Remedios, and last year by Dr. J. E. H. Coran.

#### Junior Championship At Fanling

THE following qualified for the match play stages of the "Junior Championship" of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling yesterday.

J. W. Mayhew ..... 84  
W. S. Hillier ..... 84  
Major Eastwick Field, A. B. Purves and M. N. Coates ..... 85

Sergt. L. C. Commer. E. J. K. Weeks and J. B. Mackie ..... 86

S. T. Bellin ..... 87

Col. E. D. Matthews ..... 88

C. H. Bradley and G. W. Greene ..... 89

J. McKnight ..... 90

A. Ritchie and H. H. Murdy ..... 91

H. H. Pottier and R. D. ... ..... 92

#### FANLING CAPTAIN'S CUP

Major L. Eastwick Field (85-16=69) qualified for the Captain's Cup January Qualifying Round over the Old Course during the week-end.

Other scores were J. W. Mayhew (84-74=70) and W. S. Hillier (84-10-74) in a field of 37 entries.

H. Loftord (84-12=72) qualified over the New Course in a field of 11 entries.





## Engineering and Building

## COAL-OIL SOUGHT IN AUSTRALIA

"Country Should Follow Britain's Lead."

## NEEDED FOR DEFENCE

Canberra.

A number of public men who are interested in Australia's national defence are hoping to persuade Commonwealth Government to investigate the production of oil from coal.

If they succeed, the co-operation of British interests, such as Imperial Chemicals Industries Ltd., will probably be invited.

It is estimated here that at present the fuel stocks of Australia would only last a few months, if supplies were cut off.

## ENGINEERING

Experts are of the opinion that a capital of £10,000,000 or £12,000,000 would set up a hydrogenation industry employing between 7,000 and 10,000 people and producing 50,000,000 gallons of petrol yearly.

It is asserted that Australia should follow Britain's lead in this enterprise.

At present only 5,000,000 gallons of oil are produced in Australia so that she was almost entirely dependent on imports for the 200,836,000 gallons which she consumed last year.—Reuter.

## BUSINESS PLAN FOR 7/6D. HOUSES

Scheme To Tackle Britain's Problem.

London.

Houses let at 7s. 6d. a week are envisaged by Mr. Reginald Nicholson and Mr. F. H. Rees, whose joint scheme for a National Housing Corporation has, by official request, been placed before the Ministry of Health.

They state:

The only real way to tackle the housing problem is on sound business lines with an executive composed of the best men available, with a proportion of Government representatives.

The corporation would be fully self-supporting and non-profit-making.

It should start with a loan of 20 to 25 millions guaranteed by the Government. More money could be raised as the organisation was perfected.

200,000 A Year.

A first year programme of 60,000 to 70,000 houses is possible, 100,000 to 120,000 in the second year, working up eventually to a yearly maximum of 200,000.

If you make the programme unwieldy at the start, with a huge loan of several hundred millions, no one will be able to control it. You will have waste, extravagance, and no prospect of an economic rent.

## SHANGHAI REALTY SALES SLUMP.

October And November Total \$5,500,000.

Real estate transactions reported during October and November in Shanghai amounted to about \$5,500,000 as compared with \$7,500,000 for the previous two months period, according to the Realty Market, house organ of the Asia Realty Company.

The largest volume of business, over \$2,000,000, was done in the Western District of the Settlement but the largest number of transactions mostly involving less than \$50,000 each, was reported in the Western Extension. The French Concession was next in order of interest with almost \$1,500,000 turnover.

Avenue Road, nearly 1½ mow with old residence.

Park and Burkill Roads, mow 8½.

Bubbling Well Road, mow 0.318 with building.

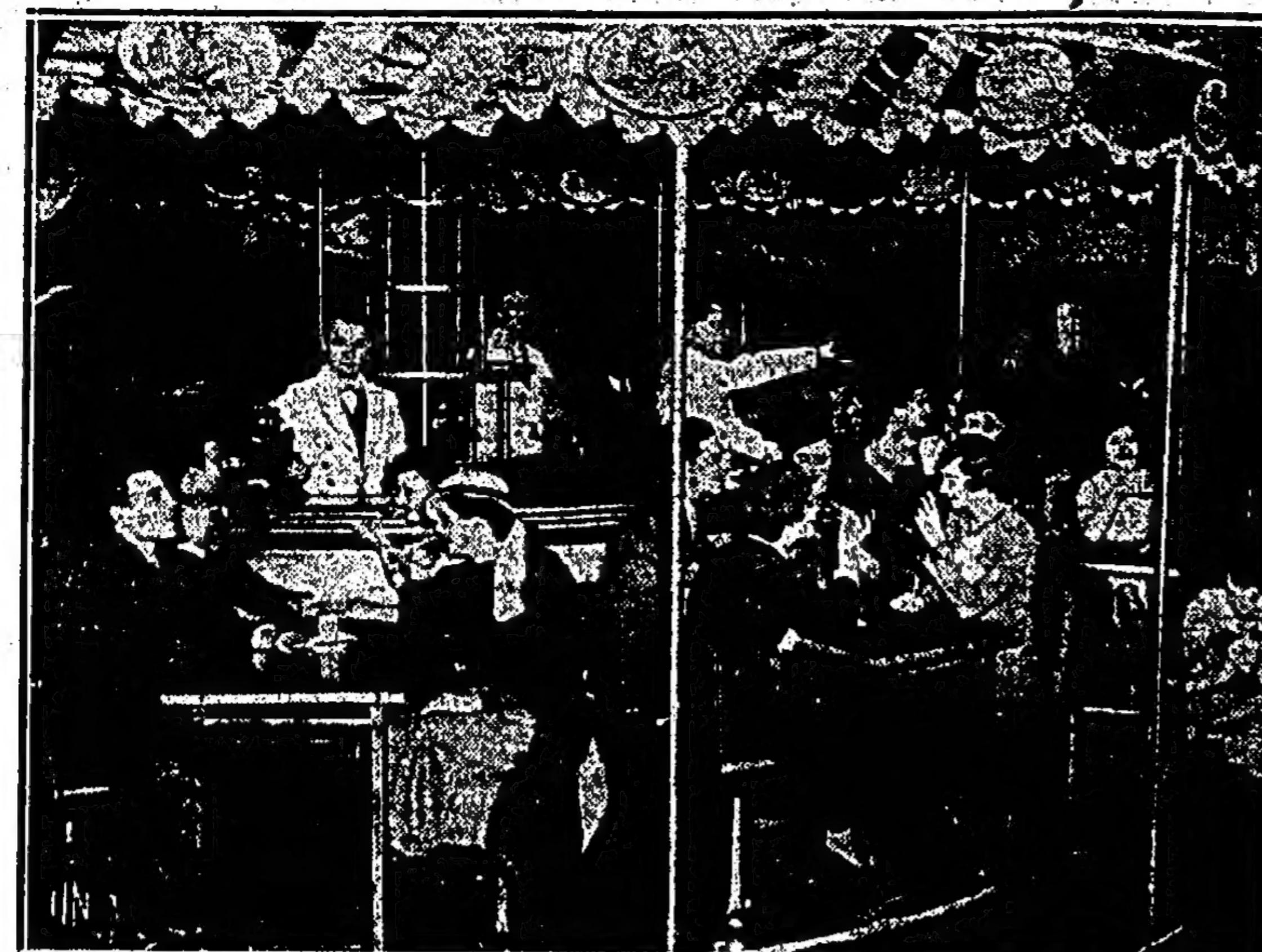
## BRIDGE NAMED AFTER HITLER.

Cologne.

"Adolf Hitler Bridge," the new bridge over the Rhine at Krefeld, has been officially opened.

It is 880 yards long. The pillars are of reinforced concrete covered with stone. More than 6,000 tons of steel were used in its construction.—Reuter.

## One Drink Goes a Long Way on Revolving Bar



As if the potency of the "real McCoy," honest-to-goodness legal liquor, were not enough to induce that floating sensation, Boston repeal celebrants do their imbibing on a merry-go-round that revolves with the drinkers. This is one way for getting twice the kick out of the newly-emancipated Mr. Barleycorn.

## Air According To Taste

## Man Harnesses The Atmosphere

## WONDERS OF MODERN PLANT

(By Basil Murray.)

London.

Man is harnessing the atmosphere to his service. Science is accomplishing what has been for centuries one of the goals of human endeavour.

In this industrialised era control of the atmosphere in offices, workshops and factories has become an urgent matter affecting the health of the human body.

The problem, except in its simplest form, the warming of cold rooms by open fires, had until recent times remained unsolved. The world's cotton-spinning industry centred in Lancashire largely because that county's damp, equable climate seemed to be the only one suitable for spinning the finer threads, and could not be imitated elsewhere.

But since the war an immense advance has been made in the technique of atmospheric control. Out of doors modern meteorological research, spurred on by the requirements of aviation, has enabled weather forecasts to be made with a degree of accuracy undreamed of twenty years ago.

Indoors prolonged scientific research has created the completely new form of engineering called "Air Conditioning." This means the control by mechanical methods of every breath of air that enters a building.

Temperature can be raised or lowered at will; it can be made wet or dry; it can be cleared of all dust and pumped through a factory or office in the City of London as pure a state as is the building stood on an alpine peak.

Air conditioning has been in existence in this country for 12 years. In America it began about the same time, but has made more rapid strides owing to the greater quantity of new construction.

Factories, theatres, large blocks of flats or offices, hotels and restaurants are most suited to its installation, though other uses have been found for it.

The motor liner Victoria, the fastest ship of its type in the world, has air-conditioning in its first-class saloons and cabins. It is used on some American trains-de-luxe.

**Industrial Value.**

In the vast new Cumberland Hotel at Marble Arch every room is air-conditioned: all the air in the building is changed every four minutes, and it is unnecessary even to open a window.

A number of Indian princes have it in their palaces, at this moment a private house, which is being built at a cost of £20,000 in the West End, is having a complete system installed.

But its chief value remains in

## HORNSEY TO HAVE NEW TOWN HALL

£100,000 To Be Spent.

MODERN DESIGN BY YOUNG NEW ZEALANDER

Hornsey, in North London, is to spend £100,000 on new town hall, the plans for which are on exhibition at the Building Centre in New Bond Street.

## A Modern Design.

The new building will be in Crouch End Broadway, near the Clock Tower, a site made central by recent developments, and much more suitable than the present town hall, which is within only a very short distance of the neighbouring borough of St. Pancras. The present building dates from the time of the old Hornsey Local Board, and both its interior and exterior are out of date.

In contrast, the new building will be of strikingly modern design. It will be "L" shaped, with the angle space used as a court-yard.

## Worked His Passage.

Mr. R. H. Uren, the successful architect, is only 27, and a year ago won another open competition, that for the proposed Manchester Exhibition Hall. He is a New Zealander, and at the age of 24 worked his passage to this country as a greaser on a cargo boat.

## New Bridge For The Sungari.

**Harbin.** The huge railway bridge over the Sungari River, northwest of Harbin, has been completed, and was formally inaugurated on December 16. The first trial run was made on the following day.

had the pure cleanliness of mountain air. The outgoing wind made me shudder to think of how often I had sat unmoved in un-air-conditioned theatres: it was hot, with an unpleasant smell which seemed a mixture of stale tobacco smoke and patchouli and I wondered how many billion germs from the throats of the 4,000 people inside.

## Greater Use Foreseen.

The distribution of the air in the auditorium is carefully concealed. It enters by ducts in the ceilings of the various circles and through the lighting candelabra in the dome: it is drawn out through small vents under the seats, thus avoiding any noticeable draught.

Air-conditioning will inevitably spread. Already small sets for use in private houses are on the market, and are being sold on a considerable scale in the United States.

In countries which experience the extremes of heat and cold demand for domestic air-conditioning is naturally keenest, but even in London many householders would welcome the opportunity of having an even temperature in their rooms, whatever the season.

In offices on noisy streets the advantages are incalculable. Rooms can be kept fresh without the windows ever being opened and the din on the streets admitted.

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London.

The building trade is quite capable of facing a programme of a quarter of a million houses a year, states Mr. R. Coppock, secretary of the National Federation of Building Trade Operatives. "The la-

bour is available, and the industry is prepared for the biggest possible scheme.

"The speed of building in this country exceeds that of any other country in the world.

"There is no need to fear that an extensive programme would drive up the price of materials. I have every confidence that the industry would appreciate its responsibility and supply the finished article at the cheapest possible price.

"A real national slum clearance scheme would go far to solving the unemployment problem in our industry, which employs more male labour than any other.

"The effects of absorbing 160,000 to 170,000 operatives would be incalculable. Eighty per cent. of all outlay on building would go eventually in wages, and the increase in purchasing power would be enormous benefit."

Mr. Coppock advocates that money for a national scheme should come out of the revenues.

"The saving on interest and sinking fund would be enormous," he added, "and the country would ultimately possess a great asset."

## PRODUCTION OF OIL FROM COAL

Only Possible While Petrol Is Taxed.

## NO GREAT EFFECT ON COAL TRADE

That coal can be converted into oil having almost any characteristics desired is a technical triumph on which the chemical engineer may well plume himself; but the economic and social importance of the feat depends upon the price at which the product can be sold.

As matters stand, fuel oil from natural sources can be delivered into ships' bunkers at British ports for about 2s. per ton, and were it not for the tax of 8d. per gallon on imported petrol, even gasworks would probably abandon the recovery of benzol.

As regards the effect on the coal trade, the starting up of two modern blast-furnaces would lead to an increased demand for one million tons of coal per annum, an amount not likely to be required either for the hydrogenation of coal or for low-temperature carbonisation for many years to come.



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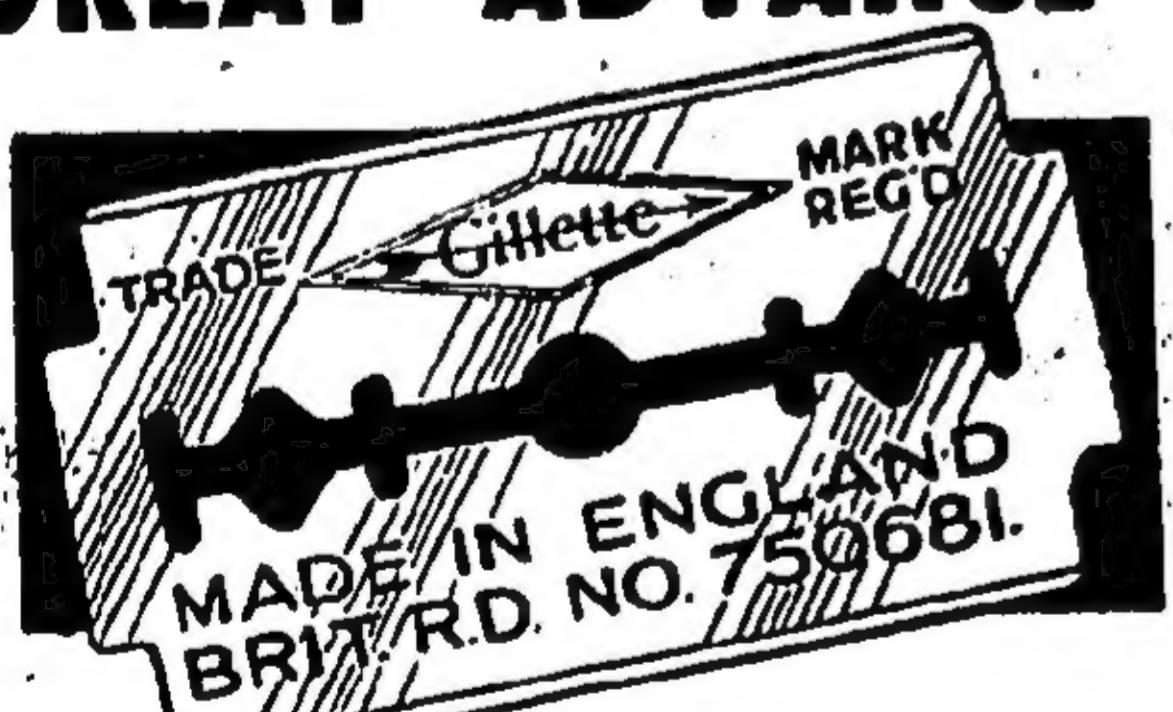
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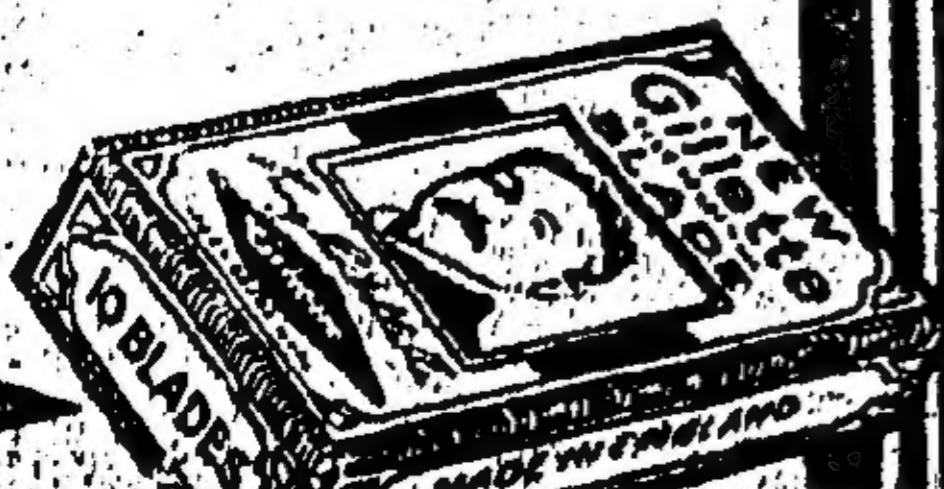
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Hong Kong, Monday, January 8, 1934.

## Exit Prohibition.

After fourteen foolish years of combat against what has been claimed to be the right of an American citizen to choose his own refreshment, the unequal struggle is now abandoned. A citizen of the great Republic may again indulge in what Mr. Richard Swiveller called "modest quencher" without incurring the brand of crime. The first effect of prohibition repeal, as reported by recent cables, will be to open the flood-gates damming back a deluge of whisky waiting to surge into the country. This will be but a temporary inundation, after which it may be expected that whisky, like water, if let alone will find its own level. By letting alone is not meant leaving the sale of drink without any sort of regulation or control. That would be going from one extreme to the other, and merely changing evil for evil. Prohibition in America is to be followed by a very strict licensing law, under which the abuses of alcohol will, as far as possible, be minimised. The old saloon system with which the country was cursed before the war, and the revulsion from which carried public feeling to the extreme represented by the Volstead Act, is not to come back. But, bad as that system was, prohibition introduced something very much worse. It led to a lawless trade in the vilest kind of spirits that was calculated morally and physically to sap the vitals of the nation. "Bootlegging" developed into a gigantic traffic, in which millions and millions of dollars were invested, and it was the strength of this unlawful interest by which in later years publicly flouted prohibition law was paradoxically kept in existence, but not in force. The Volstead Act, which embedded prohibition in the Constitution of the United States, was largely the outcome of a form of hysteria resulting from the psychological effect of the war. No doubt there was a considerable body of considered opinion in favour of it. And with many this would go so far as to make them cheerfully forgo the rational use of alcohol themselves for the purpose of protecting others against the dangers of its irrational abuse. Abolition of this kind is always entitled to respect. There was another section which made no sacrifice. Having no use for alcohol themselves, they were fanatically opposed to its use by anyone else. They were like Macaulay's peasants who opposed bill-baiting not because it gave pain to the

bull, but because it gave pleasure to the man. Believing that the benefits of alcohol, if any (most of this class dogmatically deny that it has any), were too dearly bought by spirit drinkers, they may still be credited with laudable motives in seeking to save the drinkers from themselves. But intolerant egotism turned the intentional good in these motives to practical evil, making of them paving-stones on the proverbial road to perdition. For there is no question that such was the direction in which America was, being led. Laws that outran public conscience can never be made operative. Their inevitable fate is to excite popular derision. And disrepect habitually shown to one law engenders disrespect for all law. An American citizen sneaking into an illicit grog-shop to get a furtive drink, the attraction of which was increased by the flavour of forbidden fruit, would come out conscious but unashamed law-breaker. A law which has that effect will not only fail to operate itself, but will foster a spirit inimical to all lawful restraint. This was accentuated in America by the demoralisation of the police and the elective judiciaries that the bootlegging interest was able to bribe with fabulous sums to wink at the reign of lawlessness, which has gained for America after fourteen years of prohibition the unenviable reputation that she now possesses. During the hectic years of the post-war boom, when the golden tribute of the Allies was pouring into America from all sides, men like Henry Ford were unwise enough to claim this prosperity as the natural effect of prohibition. But a rude disillusionment was at hand. For prohibition, instead of saving America from the war-boom reaction, assisted to cause a depression worse than that experienced by the hardest hit and hardest drinking country in Europe. America furnishes the world with the lesson of a great experiment, which proves the folly of attempting physically to coerce a people by laws which have not behind them the moral support of a convinced public opinion. That the abuse of alcohol by weak-willed persons is responsible for deplorable consequences, no sane person will deny. But if every gift of Providence to man, which is capable of being abused to the detriment of a section, was to be rejected, this would be a dreary world to live in. The people whom alcohol represents but a small proportion of the community, as compared with those who make rational use of it. Moreover, their number is growing less. And, even if mistakes, prohibitionists may take comfort from the fact that with the regulated introduction of alcohol under a proper licence, the indulgence of it could

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## Tale Of Two Cruisers

Small nations with large naval ambitions may find a moral in this story.

Two cruisers of the Imperial Russian Navy have been rusting in an Estonian port since 1918.

The new Peruvian Government decided to increase their navy, and the Estonians sold the cruisers to them.

The Peruvians sent crews to bring the cruisers home.

The ships were repainted, and after much trouble the engines were induced to function. Then the ships set sail for South America.

They took a month to reach English waters and another month to reach the shores of France. Three months after their departure from the Baltic they hobbled into Lisbon harbour.

There the commanders cabled the Peruvian Government that the vessels would never survive the Atlantic crossing. They are still in Lisbon awaiting instructions.

## Duce As Airmen

It is not generally known that Mussolini is a qualified air pilot.

In 1920 and 1921, soon after he founded the Fascist Party in Milan, he took lessons in flying. He made 18 flights in all, and was in the air altogether for 7 hours 28 minutes.

Sigmar Redaelli, his instructor, describes his pupil's first efforts in a book, "The Initiation of Mussolini in the Paths of the Sky."

Mussolini's last flight ended in a crash.

The engine stalled and the plane crashed. His face was injured. Afterwards it was discovered that an enemy had tampered with the machine.

## Your Daily Smile.

They Found It First  
A woman explorer in Africa claims to have discovered the lowest type of man. Wives of all civilised countries are treating this claim with contempt.

Not There, My Child!  
It is pointed out that there is no soda in soda water. Nor, for that matter, is there any brain in brandy, muff in muffin, tap in tapioca, or jam in doughnut.

ANCIENT AID MODERN  
*Little Miss Muffet*  
Sat on her tuffet.  
Wearing a new-fashioned frock.  
Old-fashioned spider  
Glistened as she spied her  
Then straightway expired from shock.

HOPE  
"How dare you ask me for my daughter's hand? Why, you haven't got a penny."

"No, but if your daughter marries me I should have."

LITERARY CURIO  
A gardening expert has written a book on cabbages. Surely paper would have been cheaper.

Proof in the Padding  
An African missionary says cannibals never eat any one over twenty years old. Youth apparently must be served there, too.

FACTS YOU DID NOT  
KNOW.

The Austrian Federal Railways are experimenting with a new method of firing locomotives in which fuel oil is sprayed directly over the burning coal, intensifying the heat and saving fuel.

To aid navigators of ships a new instrument picks up and makes visible the rays of radiant heat emitted by objects warmer than their surroundings that may be hidden by darkness, smoke or fog.

Fog has been discovered in Great Britain that live and thrive on tides that are deadly poisons to animals and other plants, one variety having a strong affinity for arsenic and its compounds.

Aging law, America, is likely to have less drunkenness and much less general lawlessness than under prohibition, which cannot prohibit and might lead to some thing worse than undue alcohol indulgence if it could.

ANTARCTIC CONQUEST  
RESUMED2 PARTIES TO EXPLORE  
FROZEN SOUTH  
BYRD WILL BROADCAST

One of the most heroic stories of our time is the tale of the conquest of the antarctic—a story still far from finished. At least two courageous exploring parties will add new chapters to it in the coming season.

Not quite forty years have passed since the first human beings—a party led by Captain Christensen of the Norwegian whaler *Svend Foyn*—set foot upon Antarctica. Yet, in the intervening time the outlines of this huge and irregular continent have been pretty well defined; several important mountain ranges and peaks have been mapped, the pole has been twice visited afoot and once flown over by plane. The furious winters of Antarctica have been defied by explorers eager to gather scientific information.

The first party to resume this epic of discovery during the coming season has already departed from Cape Town on the last long leg of the journey to the antarctic. It will pass a year there under the leadership of Lincoln Ellsworth, whose explorations in the regions of the north and south poles have already added a great deal to our knowledge of the earth. The Ellsworth expedition is primarily interested in discovery and exploration; that of Byrd in obtaining scientific data: Arriving in the antarctic weeks ahead, Ellsworth and Balchen will probably have completed their flight before Admiral Byrd is ready for his spectacular dash, but this will not rob radio listeners of the vicarious thrill of flying over a new continent. The radio and the airplane have to a large degree rendered the exploration of Antarctica possible. Now they make it an experience in which the whole world can share.

EMPIRE'S WASTED  
OPPORTUNITIESScientific Exploration  
Neglected.

## AID TO INDUSTRY

London.  
Professor G. T. Morgan, Director of the Chemical Research Laboratory, Teddington, thinks that great opportunities are being wasted at the present time in the development of the Empire from an industrial point of view.

"For all industrial applications of chemical science," he declares, "engineering and chemistry are mutually indispensable and so far as this country is concerned, the advantages of such co-operation are now more generally recognised than they were. But there is room for much improvement."

Britishers were still too apt to leave the work of scientific exploration to contemporaries in other lands, although the British Empire was endowed with mineral and organic resources to an extent unsurpassed by any other nation.

Opportunities were boundless, the professor continued, but without close collaboration between chemistry and engineering we could not render an adequate account of our stewardship. There was danger of our drifting into the position of a 'Navy Nation'—hewers of wood and drawers of water for more educated peoples. Reuter.

EGYPT'S DERVISHES  
TO DISAPPEAR.Upkeep By Government  
Not Justified:

Alexandria.  
The whirling Dervishes of Egypt will no longer perform their famous dance, according to a resolution of the Ministry of Waqfs (Religious Control).

The Zikr, the traditional chant and dance of the Dervishes, has long been one of the most exotic spectacles of the East and a great attraction for tourists.

But the Ministry has decided that the Dervishes, who are able-bodied men, no longer bring in enough revenue to justify their maintenance at Government expense.

Their aged stronghold, the Tekya Monastery, will be turned into a school. Reuter.

**RABIES IN COLONY**

**Rules For Prevention  
And Treatment.**

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A guide, in the form of an eight-page pamphlet, to the prevention and treatment of rabies in Hong Kong, has been issued. The publication was drawn up by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon in collaboration with the Government Bacteriologist, and published under the auspices of the Sanitary Board.

Rabies, the guide states, is an infectious disease, due to a specific virus, which affects members of the canine family principally, i.e., dog, wolf, fox, jackal, etc., but which may be transmitted to other animals, e.g., cats, sheep, goats, swine, etc., and to man.

The following rules are laid down for treatment of persons who have been bitten by a dog:

A person bitten should go at once to the nearest Government Hospital and ask for treatment.

He should take the treatment which the doctor prescribes until the doctor decides that he has had enough, or that he may stop.

The treatment which he will get will absolutely prevent him from taking the disease from the bite of a mad dog. The treatment is perfectly harmless and will not make the patient sick. No person who has ever taken the treatment in Hong Kong has ever taken disease as a result of it.

The medicine is supplied free. Chinese or Eastern medicine is useless for rabies.

Everyone who takes rabies is certain to die.

**Treatment of a Dog.**

If a dog bites any person, without some very obvious reason for doing so, that dog should be considered as a case of suspected rabies until such time as the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon states that he considers that the dog was incapable of transmitting the disease at the time of biting.

The person bitten, or anyone who may see the person bitten should take all possible steps to identify the dog and report the facts immediately to the nearest Police Station.

**Rabies In The Dog.**

There are two recognised forms of the disease, furious rabies and dumb rabies, but there are many cases which lie between the two and exhibit some of the characteristics of each. Each form of the disease exhibits three stages, which are outlined fully in the pamphlet.

**FIRE ALARMS LAST NIGHT.****Lorry Tank Ablaze At Yaumati.****CELLULOID DOLL TURNS OUT ENGINES**

A motor lorry caught fire outside the "Sh'll" petrol filling station opposite the Po Hing Theatre, Yaumati, last night at about 7 o'clock, while taking on a supply of petrol.

It is stated that the fire was caused by a Chinese coolie smoking a cigarette near the petrol tank of the lorry. Chemical fire extinguishers and sand were brought into action and the flames were extinguished before much damage had been done. Fire engines from Mongkok and Kowloon also quickly arrived, but were not required.

**A Hong Kong Alarm.**

The Hong Kong Brigade turned out in answer to call from 29 First Street, second floor, at 11.40 p.m. yesterday, but on arrival found that it was only celluloid doll which had caught fire, causing a great deal of smoke, and frightening the inmates of the house.

**WINDJAMMER'S RECORD**

(Continued from Page 1)

It is also pointed out that there is a good likelihood of a surplus of over a million gallons of milk a month in Britain next spring and that the best use to which this could be put would be the manufacture of butter or cheese.

Another point which has to be considered is the agreement with Denmark and other Scandinavian countries who are allowed to sell butter and pork in Britain because they take British coal and manufactured goods in exchange.—Bunter.

**Heartless "Queen"**

Baroness de Wagner  
The latest exploit of the self-styled "Queen of the Galapagos," Baroness Eloïse Bouquet De Wagner, was to turn adrift a honeymoon couple and three sailors, who had survived a shipwreck near Flores Island, in an open boat without water or food. They were later picked up by the clipper "Fortune" and brought to Guayaquil, Ecuador.

**ADMIRAL SAILS FOR SOUTH TO-MORROW.****Will Transfer Flag In Singapore.****U.S. GUNBOAT FULTON ARRIVES.**

The U.S.S. Fulton, gunboat, arrived from Pagoda Anchorage this morning and fired salutes of 21 and 17 guns respectively to the Colony and Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., respectively.

The forts replied on behalf of the Colony while H.M.S. Kent replied for the Admiral.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by the Suffolk, the Aircraft Carrier Eagle and the Destroyer Tenders Veteran and Wren will leave Hong Kong to-morrow morning for Singapore on their annual Southern cruise.

The Kent will enter the Admiralty floating dock on arrival at Singapore. On January 31 the Admiral will transfer his flag to the Cruiser Suffolk, when the Kent will proceed to Penang to await the arrival of the Cornwall, which has been re-commissioned for further service on the China Station, after which she will continue her voyage to the United Kingdom.

**ITALIAN AIR "ACE." FOR CHINA.****Schneider Cup Winner In 1926.**

The Italian "ace," Count Maria de Bernardi, who was the winner of the 1926 Schneider Trophy race, passed through Hong Kong with Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang on board the Conte Verde. He is on his way to Nanking at the invitation of the Young Marshal, to take up a position as instructor to Chinese aviators.

The Count is taking two Italian machines with him.

**CORRESPONDENCE.****TAPIOCA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES**

[To the Editor "China Mail"]

Sir,—From the handbook published by the New Territories Agricultural Association for the show held on Saturday and continued on Sunday, the exhibits were classified under 116 different heads. The entries, of course, considerably exceeded that number which goes to show that, from the point of exhibits themselves, the Show was a conspicuous success. For several years now I have been acting as one of the judges of the poultry section. A fact which I desire to bring to the notice of farmers in particular, and residents of Hong Kong in general, has nothing, however, to do with the poultry section; it is one that concerns the agricultural section.

I wish to call the attention of the organisers of the Show that a very important root is grown in the New Territories. It was not classified and, therefore, not exhibited at the last Show. It is the root of the tapioca. Tapioca, as is generally known, forms a very important article of the agricultural industry of Singapore and the Federated Malay States. It is successfully grown in the New Territories and, incidentally, I may inform readers of your esteemed paper, that I have dug up the root in the New Territories and have brought it to Kowloon and shown it to friends.

This morning I brought with me a piece of the root to the St. Bartholomew's, and the haunted office and have forwarded it to a prominent member of the Agricultural Association Committee in the hope that he might bring it to the notice of the Committee that such a root can be easily grown in the New Territories, and if the farmers are encouraged to plant it extensively, tapioca might be developed into a new industry of value for the New Territories.

I have tried to find out the Chinese name for tapioca. It is variously stated in different villages. From enquiries I find that it is more commonly known as *muk shue*, i.e., wood potatoe.

As to the nutritive value, there can be no question of its worth, and it remains to be seen to what extent tapioca can be made an article of food in Hong Kong if it is marketed in the Colony at a cheap price and its value widely expounded. I cannot see why it should not be done.

Thanking you for affording me facility for disseminating the above information in the Colony.

J. A. SELAVISA ALVES.

**PICKPOCKET GOES TO GAOL.****Bystander Watches Theft Committed.**

Tse Chau, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing \$1.45 from Li Ching in Kom U Street.

Evidence as given by a bystander who saw the theft committed, though the complainant was not aware that his pocket had been picked. The money was recovered.

To-day's Short Story.

**THE THING IN THE UPPER ROOM**

By Arthur Morrison.

At SHADOW hung over the door, which stood black the matter—and, indeed, his end in the depth of its arched recess, was sinister enough; but long before his time the room had stood frowning brow. The landing was shunned and empty. He, greatly daring, had taken no more heed of the common terror of the room than to use it to his advantage in abating the rent; and he had shot himself a little later, while the police were beating at his door to arrest him on charge of murder. As I have said, his fate may have added to the general aversion from the place, though it had in no way originated it; and now ten years had passed, and more, since his few articles of furniture had been carried away and sold; and nothing had been carried in to replace them.

The doors below opened and shut, slammed, stood ajar. Men and women passed in and out, with talk and human sounds—sometimes even with laughter or a snatch of song; but the door on the top landing remained shut and silent through weeks and months. For, in truth, Attwater was 25, commonly healthy, often hungry, and always poor.

**TO-MORROW'S STORY**

To-morrow's story will be "Pop Bigelow's Blessing," by Norman Matson.

He came to live in Paris because, from his remembrance of his student days, he believed he could live cheaper there than in London; while it was quite certain that he would not sell fewer pictures, since he had never yet sold one.

It was the concierge of a neighbouring house who showed Attwater the room. The house of the room itself maintained no such functionality, though its main door stood open day and night. The man said little, but his surprise at Attwater's application was plain to see. Nobody would live there, nor stay there, beyond that gloomy door one second longer than he could help.

It might be supposed that the fate of the solitary tenant within living

**NON-REGISTRATION OF MUI-TSAI.****Father's Evidence Of Relationship.****WOMAN FINED \$100.**

Chan Sung, a married woman, was charged on remand, before Mr. Balfour, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with having in her custody an unregistered *mui-tsai*.

Defendant, who declared the girl to be a relative, called as a witness the father of the girl, one Chan Pui, a silk-worm Cruder, who stated that the defendant was a "distant aunt" of his; but further questions elicited the fact that the woman was merely the aunt of one of his claimants.

The Magistrate considered the case proved and imposed a fine of \$100.

Plainly, the man felt it to be no business of his to enlighten an unsuspecting foreigner as to the reputation of the place; and if he could let it there would be some small gratification from the landlord, though, at such a rent, of course a very small one indeed.

But Attwater was better informed than the concierge supposed. He had heard the tale of the haunted room, vaguely and incoherently, it is true, from the little old engraver of watches on the floor below, by whom he had been directed to the concierge. The old man had been valuable and friendly, and reported that the room had a good light, facing north-east—indeed, a much better light than he, engraver of watches, enjoyed on the floor below.

So much so that, considering this advantage and the much lower rent, he himself would have taken the room long ago, except—well, except for other things. Monsieur was a stranger, and perhaps had no fear to inhabit a haunted chamber; but that was its reputation, as everybody in the quarter knew; it would be a misfortune, however, to a stranger to take the room without suspicion, and to undergo unexpected experiences.

Here, however, the old man checked himself, possibly reflecting that too much information to inquirers after the upper room might offend his landlord. He hinted as much, in fact, hoping that his friendly warning would not be allowed to travel further. As to the precise nature of the disagreeable manifestations in the room, who could say? Perhaps there were really none at all. People said this and that. Certainly, the place had been untenanted for many years, and he would not like to stay in it himself. But it might be the good fortune of monsieur to break the spell, and if monsieur was resolved to defy the reverent, he wished monsieur the highest success and happiness.

So much for the engraver of watches; and now the concierge of the neighbouring house led the way up the stately old panelled staircase, swinging his keys in his hand, and halted at last before the dark door in the frowning recess. He turned the key with some difficulty, pushed open the door, and stood back with an air of something not wholly deferential to others. Attwater, in an

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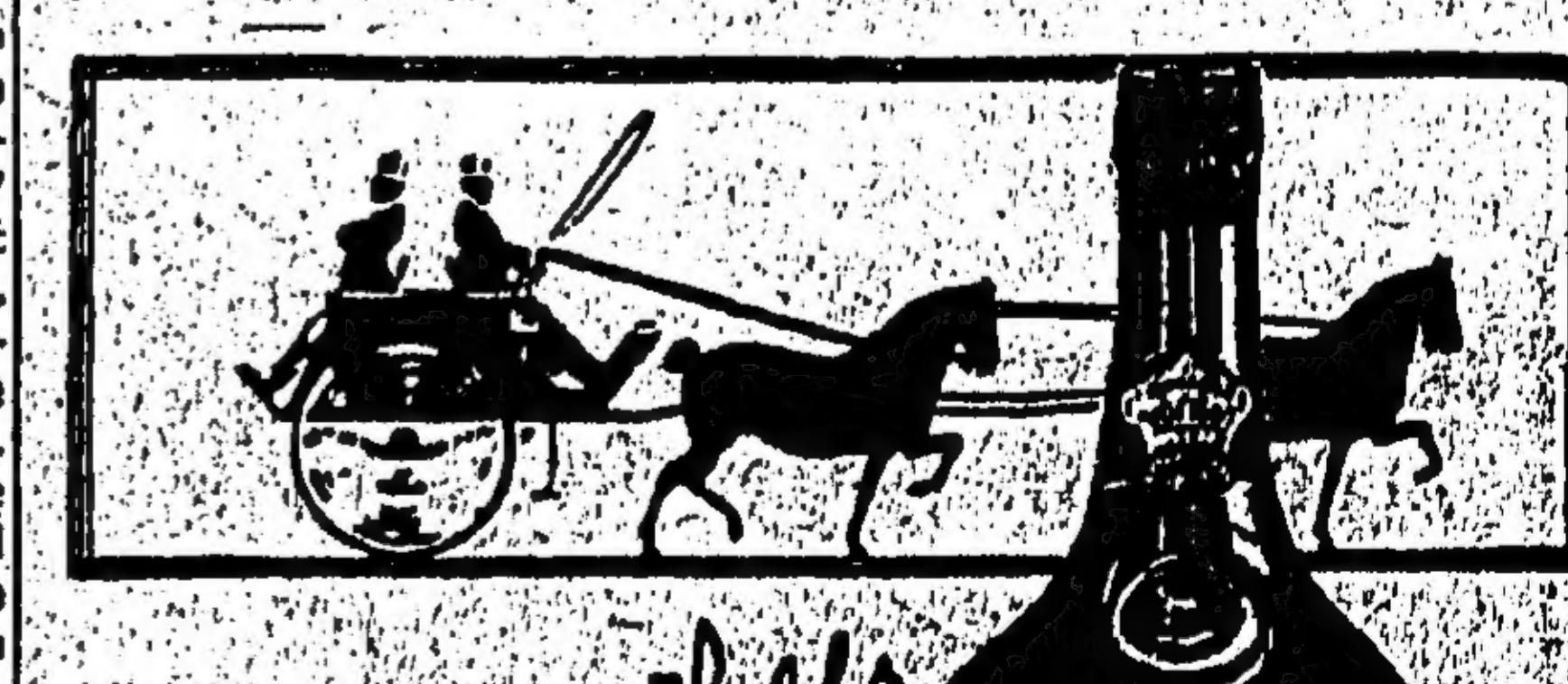
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Roosevelt, pictured as she chatted with General for the unemployed. Mrs. Roosevelt entered into the spirit of the evening by leading the grand march.

## The Thing In The Upper Room

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nothing else. That, he persuaded himself, was the case with his room; he felt angry at the growing conviction that he had allowed himself to be overcome by fancy—by the spirit of fear.

He returned that night with the resolve to allow himself no foolish indulgence. He had heard nothing and had seen nothing; when something palpable to the senses occurred it would be time enough to deal with it. He took off his clothes and got into bed deliberately, leaving candle and matches at hand in case of need. He had expected to find some difficulty in sleeping, or at least some delay, but he was scarce well in bed ere he fell into a heavy sleep.

Dazzling sunlight through the window woke him in the morning, and he sat up, staring sleepily about him. He must have slept like a log. But he had been dreaming; the dreams were horrible.

His head ached beyond anything he had experienced before, and he was far more tired than when he went to bed. He sank back on the pillow, but the mere contact made his head ring with pain. He got out of bed, and found himself staggering; it was as though he had been drunk—unbearably drunk with bad liquor. His dreams—they had been horrid dreams; he could remember that they had been bad, but what they actually were was now gone from him entirely.

He rubbed his eyes and stared amazedly down at the table; where the crooked dagger lay with its bird's head and red stone eye. It lay just as it had lain when he sat gazing at it yesterday, and yet he would have sworn that he had flung that same dagger into a drawer. Perhaps he had dreamed it; at any rate, he put the thing carefully into the drawer now, and still with his ringing headache, dressed himself and went out.

As he reached the next landing the old engraver greeted him from his door with an inquiring good-day. "Monsieur has not slept well, I fear?"

In some doubt, Attwater protested that he had slept quite soundly. "And as yet I have neither seen nor heard anything of the ghost," he added.

"Nothing!" replied the old man, with a lift of the eyebrows. "Nothing at all! It is fortunate. It seemed to me, here below, that monsieur was moving about very restlessly in the night; but no doubt I was mistaken. No doubt, also, I may felicitate monsieur on breaking the evil tradition. We shall hear no more of it; monsieur has the good fortune of a brave heart."

He smiled and bowed pleasantly, but it was with something of a puzzlement that his eyes followed Attwater descending the staircase.

Attwater took his coffee and coffee after an hour's walk, and fell asleep in his seat. Not for long, however, and presently he was awakened by a noise in the room.

"What?"

"The old man who was murdered

in the Rue Broca last night. The description fits exactly. He used to hang about the cafes and run messages. It isn't easy to read in this cab; but there's probably nothing fresh in this edition. They haven't caught the murderer, anyhow."

Attwater took the paper and struggled to read it in the changing light. A poor old man had been found dead on the footpath of the Rue Broca, torn with a score of stab-wounds. He had been identified—an old man not known to have a friend in the world; also, because he was old and so poor, probably not an enemy. There was no robbery; the few soums the old man possessed remained in his pocket. He must have been attacked on high way home in the early hours of the morning, possibly by a homicidal maniac, and stabbed again and again with inconceivable fury. No arrest had been made.

Attwater pushed the paper away: "Pah!" he said; "I don't like it. I'm a bit off it I can't guess. But it's no cure for the blues, this!"

"No," replied his friend heartily; "we'll get that upstairs, for here we are, on the quay. A bottle of the best Burgundy on the list and the best dinner they can do—that's your physic. Come!"

It was a good prescription, indeed. Attwater's friend was cheerful and amiable, and nothing could have bettered the dinner. Attwater found himself reflecting that indulgence in the blues was a poor pastime, with no better excuse than a bad night's rest. And last night's dinner in comparison with this! Well, it was enough to have spoiled his sleep, that one-franc-fifty dinner.

Attwater left La Perouse as gay

as his friend. They had sat late,

and now there was nothing to do but cross the water and walk a little in the boulevards. They did, and finished the evening at a cafe-table with half-a-dozen acquaintances.

Attwater walked home with a light step, feeling less drowsy than at any time during the day. He was well enough. He felt he should soon get used to the room. He had been a little too much alone lately, and that had got on his nerves. It was simply stupid.

Again he slept quickly and heavily

and dreamed. But he had an awakening of another sort. No bright sun blazed at the open window to lift his heavy lids, and no morning bell from St. Sulpice opened his ears to the cheerful noise of the city. He awoke gasping and staring in the dark, rolling face-downward on the floor, catching his breath in agonised sobs; while through the window from the streets came a clamour of hoarse cries: cries of pursuit and the noise of running men: a shouting and a clatter, wherein here and there a voice was clear among the rest—"

"A assassin! Arrest!"

He dragged himself to his feet in the dark, gasping still. What was this—all this? Again a dream? His legs trembled under him, and he averted with fear. He made for the window, panting and feeble; and then, as he supported himself by the sill, he realised wonderfully that he was fully dressed—that he wore even his hat. The running crowd straggled through the outer street and away, the shouts growing fainter. What had wakened him?

Why had he dressed? He remembered his matches, and turned to grope for them; but something was already in his hand—something wet, sticky. He dropped it on the table, and even as he struck the light, before he saw it, he knew. The match sputtered and flared, and there on the table lay the crooked dagger, smeared and dripping and horrible.

Blood was on his hands—the match stuck in his fingers. Caught at the heart by the first grip of an awful surmise, he looked up and saw in the mirror before him: in the last flare of the match, the face of the

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Immediately this formality had been complied with Lt. Com. Wheatley returned ashore and reported "all correct" to the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral E. R. G. R. Evans who was waiting on the way, and to the bugles sounding the "Still" and the shrill whistl of the bosun's pipes. Vice-Admiral Evans ran up the gangway and was soon shaking hands with his Chief of Staff, Captain W. T. Makeig Jones and other officers on the quarter deck.

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